

# St Peter's Walsall

Wednesday 2 June 2021 • Trinity Sunday

Welcome to our 'traditional' service of Holy Communion

## ¶ *The Gathering*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Hymn 172** *Firmly I believe and truly*

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.  
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,  
all slander and malice,  
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

*A moment of silence for personal confession and prayer*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## **Receiving Forgiveness and Healing**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

### **Isaiah 6.1–8**

6 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

### **Psalm 29**

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendour of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.
- 11 May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**Psalm 29 vv1-5, 10-11** (sung metrical psalm)

## **Romans 8:12-17**

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

## **John 3:1-17**

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Sermon**

## Prayers of Intercerssion

We come boldly to the throne of grace,  
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
for mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Father of heaven, whose love profound  
a ransom for our souls has found:  
We pray for the world, created by your love,  
for its nations and governments ...  
Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:  
We pray for the Church, created for your glory,  
for its ministry to reflect those works of yours ...  
Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death:  
We pray for families and individuals, created in your image,  
for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying ...  
Breathe on them the breath of life  
and bring them to your mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,  
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:  
We pray for ourselves,  
for your Church, for all whom we remember before you ...  
Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven,  
to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity,  
as we worship you, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.. Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you  
and also with you.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

**Hymn 302** *I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity* (See also pp. 10-11)

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit  
you are one God, one Lord.  
All that you reveal of your glory,  
the same we believe of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.  
We, your holy Church, acclaim you,  
Father of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
Three Persons we adore,  
one in being and equal in majesty.  
And so with angels and archangels,  
with cherubim and seraphim,  
we sing for ever of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example  
and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial  
of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you  
in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and remember his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

#### **Music for Communion**

*HYMN TO THE TRINITY*  
*Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky*

Blessed angel spirits  
offer praise undying, ever crying:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Saints and martyrs praise thy name,  
Trinity life-giving, earthborn sorrow  
leaving before thy throne.

Ever crying:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.  
Father omnipotent,  
mighty in glory,  
Christ thy son our saviour,  
who died that we might live,  
Holy Spirit, mystic dove  
dwelling with us evermore;  
we praise thee, blessed Trinity.

With the angels' sacred hymn  
all thy might proclaiming,  
with the mystic cherubim  
in songs of praise we join.

Holy, holy, holy,  
join we all in songs of praise for ever:  
Hallelujah, Lord God of Sabaoth.

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## *The Dismissal*

### **Hymn 684** *Thou whose almighty word*

The Lord bless you and keep you:

**Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you:

**Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace:

**Amen.**

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
the holy and undivided Trinity,  
guard you, save you,  
and bring you to that heavenly city,  
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Patrick's Breastplate

Patrick made this hymn. It was made in the time of Loegaire son of Niall. The cause of its composition, however, was to protect him and his monks against deadly enemies that lay in wait for the clerics. And this is a corslet of faith for the protection of body and soul against devils and men and vices. When anyone shall repeat it every day with diligent intentness on God, devils shall not dare to face him, it shall be a protection to him against every poison and envy, it shall be a defence to him against sudden death, it shall be a corslet to his soul after his death. Patrick sang this when the ambuscades were laid against his coming by Loegaire, that he might not go to Tara to sow the faith. And then it appeared before those lying in ambush that they (Patrick and his monks) were wild deer with a fawn (Benén) following them. And its name is 'Deer's Cry.'

I arise to-day

through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,  
through belief in the threeness,  
through confession of the oneness  
of the Creator of creation.

I arise to-day

through the strength of Christ with His baptism,  
through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,  
through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,  
through the strength of His descent for the Judgment of Doom.

I arise to-day

through the strength of the love of Cherubim,  
in obedience of angels,  
in the service of the archangels,  
in hope of resurrection to meet with reward,  
in prayers of Patriarchs,  
in predictions of Prophets,  
in preachings of Apostles,  
in faiths of Confessors,  
in innocence of holy Virgins,  
in deeds of righteous men.

I arise to-day

through the strength of heaven:  
light of sun,  
brilliance of moon,  
splendour of fire,  
speed of lightning,  
swiftness of wind,  
depth of sea,  
stability of earth,  
firmness of rock.

I arise to-day

through God's strength to pilot me:  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's host to secure me,  
    against snares of devils,  
    against temptations of vices,  
    against inclinations of nature,  
    against every one who shall wish me ill,  
        afar and anear,  
        alone and in a multitude.

I summon to-day all those powers between me and these evils,

    against every cruel merciless power that may oppose my body and my soul,  
    against incantations of false prophets,  
    against black laws of heathenry,  
    against false laws of heretics,  
    against craft of idolatry,  
    against spells of women and smiths and wizards,  
    against every knowledge ... man's body and soul.  
Christ to protect me to-day  
    against poison, against burning,  
    against drowning, against wounding,  
    so that there may come to me abundance of reward.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left.  
Christ in breadth, Christ in length, Christ in height,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise to-day

through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,  
through belief in the threeness,  
through confession of the oneness,  
of the Creator of creation.

# *St Peter's Walsall*

*Thank you for worshipping as the church here today*

**[stpeterswalsall.org](http://stpeterswalsall.org)**